21st Century School Libraries (SL 21) Recognition Program – Partners in Student Achievement





Library of Michigan's Role

- The Library of Michigan is the state agency that serves all libraries in the state
 - 391 public libraries
 - 154 academic libraries
 - 836 school libraries
 - special and tribal libraries





SL 21 Purpose

- Provide a qualitative answer to what a quality school library can achieve and a path to accomplish it
- Address the need to promote school libraries in an era of declining resources





SL 21- What is it?

- Modeled after public library management and services benchmarks the Library of Michigan created for public libraries
- Voluntary self-assessment program to help school librarians and school administrators review, improve and promote quality school library programs in individual buildings
- Evaluates staffing, resources, and activities with students and staff
- o www.michigan.gov/\$L21





SL 21 – History and Partners

Measures developed in partnership with the Michigan Association of Media in Education (MAME) in 2009

- Endorsed by MAME School Library Initiative Committee, December 2009
- Endorsed by Library of Michigan Board of Trustees, February 2010





SL 21 – History and Partners

- Measures revised in 2012-2013 with the School Library Workgroup
 - Workgroup school librarians/media specialists,
 Michigan Association for Media in Education and Michigan Association of School Administrators
- Endorsed by Library of Michigan Board of Trustees, April 3, 2013





Building the 21st Century Learning Environment

- Staffing
- Climate Conducive to Learning
- Accessibility
- Facility
- Citizenship & Social Responsibility
- Instructional Materials
- Budget





Teaching for the 21st Century

- Instruction
- Student Achievement
- Collaboration
- Inquiry-Based Research
- Reading
- Technology





Leading the Way to 21st Century

- Curriculum Development
- Program Effectiveness
- Professional Learning Communities
- Local & Global Community Engagement
- Advocacy
- Policies and Procedures





SL 21- Process

- School administrators evaluate School Library building program in conjunction with School Librarian
- Schools submit completed measurement evaluations to the Library of Michigan





SL 21 - Process

- Signature of School Librarian, Principal and Superintendent required
- Status is valid for three years









SL 21 – Levels & Participation

- Exemplary 90% to 100% rubric score,
 no at risk areas currently 51 libraries
- Qualified 50 to 89% rubric score, one at risk area allowed per benchmark– currently 69 libraries
- Total 120 currently recognized libraries





SL 21 – Result

- Analysis of school library program quality
- Listing as a qualified SL 21 School Library
- Certificate and Letter to School Librarian
- Letter explaining qualification to principal, superintendent, state representative and state senator





Ask Why

- Michigan Association for Media in Education provides the following statement on why quality school libraries are important in support of the SL 21 program.
- http://www.mdvideoprod.com/ask-why.html





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